

Title: Small Area Deep Cleaner
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. **(Currently Amended)** A portable surface cleaning apparatus, comprising:
a base housing adapted for movement along a surface to be cleaned;
an upright handle pivotally mounted to the base module/housing;
a liquid dispensing system comprising:
5 a liquid dispenser associated with mounted on the base module for applying liquid
to a surface to be cleaned;
a liquid supply tank removably mounted to the handle or base housing for holding
a supply of cleaning liquid;

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a liquid supply conduit fluidly connected to the liquid supply tank and to the

10 dispenser for supplying liquid to the dispenser;

a liquid recovery system comprising:

a recovery tank removably mounted on the base housing or handle and having a liquid recovery chamber for holding recovered liquid;

a suction nozzle associated with the base housing and adapted to draw dirty liquid

15 from the surface to be cleaned;

a working air conduit extending between the recovery chamber and the suction nozzle;

a vacuum source in fluid communication with the recovery chamber for generating a flow of working air from the nozzle through the working air conduit and

20 through the recovery chamber to thereby draw dirty liquid from the surface to be cleaned through the nozzle and working air conduit, and into the recovery chamber to thereby recover the dirty liquid from the surface to be cleaned;

an electrical cord mounted to the handle and connected to the vacuum source; and upper and lower cord wraps in spaced apart, axially aligned relationship on the

25 handle for wrapping an electrical cord in a loop

the improvement comprising:

a cord wrap on the handle assembly for wrapping the cord in a loop, on the electrical cord is mounted to the handle and projects from the handle adjacent in substantial axial alignment with the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps and

30 connected to the vacuum source, and a strain relief collar mounted on the electrical cord at the handle and projecting from the handle and in substantial axial alignment with the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps so that the electrical cord projects from the handle in a relatively straight line between the handle and the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps.

12. (Currently Amended Original) A portable surface cleaning apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the strain relief collar is formed of an elastomeric material.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A portable surface cleaning apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the strain relief collar projects from the handle in axial alignment with the upper and lower cord wraps.

18. (New) A portable surface cleaning apparatus according to claim 17 wherein the strain relief collar is mounted below the lower cord wrap and projects toward the upper and lower cord wraps.

19. (New) A portable surface cleaning apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the strain relief collar is mounted below the lower cord wrap and projects toward the upper cord wrap.

20. (New) A portable surface cleaner comprising:
a base housing adapted for movement along a surface to be cleaned;
an upright handle pivotally mounted to the base housing;
a suction nozzle associated with the base housing and adapted to draw dirt from the surface to be cleaned;
a vacuum source in fluid communication the suction nozzle for drawing air through the suction nozzle;
an electrical cord mounted to the handle and connected to the vacuum source; and
upper and lower cord wraps in spaced apart, axially aligned relationship on the handle for wrapping an electrical cord in a loop
the improvement comprising:
the electrical cord is mounted to the handle at a location in substantial axial alignment with the upper and lower cord wraps and projects from the handle in a direction in substantial axial alignment with at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps so that the electrical cord projects from the handle in a relatively straight line between the handle and the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps.

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21. (New) A portable surface cleaner according to claim 20 and further comprising a strain relief collar mounted on the electrical cord at the handle and projecting from the handle toward the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps.

22. (New) A portable surface cleaner according to claim 21 wherein the strain relief collar is formed of an elastomeric material.

23 (New) A portable surface cleaner according to claim 21 wherein the electrical cord is mounted below the lower cord wrap and projects toward both the upper and lower cord wraps.

24 (New) A portable surface cleaner according to claim 20 wherein the electrical cord is mounted below the lower cord wrap and projects toward both the upper and lower cord wraps.